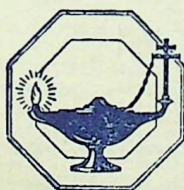


WESTMINSTER ABBEY



A SERVICE OF PRAISE,  
THANKSGIVING AND REDEDICATION



ON THE BIRTHDAY OF T O C H  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1946,  
AT 6.30 P.M.

## THINK ON THESE THINGS.

*"Not unto us,  
Not unto us but unto Thy Name give the Praise."*

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,  
whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure,  
whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report;  
Think on these things.



I, Esdras, saw upon the mount Sion a great multitude, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs. And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns and was more exalted; whereat I marvelled greatly. So I asked the angel, and said: What are these, my Lord? He answered and said unto me: These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms. Then said I unto the angel: What young man is he that setteth crowns upon them, and giveth them palms in their hands? So he answered and said unto me: It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the Lord.



I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.



*"Festivals are ordayned to serve God onlie."*

This night in Berlin there is lighted a Lamp of Maintenance. Thus begins the World Chain of Light, which will by tomorrow night have encircled the globe. To far friends and near this flame shall shine, recalling Christ and true men of His name.

The Sacrifice of the Elder Brethren will be remembered with Proud Thanksgiving, as the Light is passed on, winged and unwearied, an incentive to the Family of Toc H to follow them in the path of Service and Brotherly Love.

*"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works:  
And glorify our Father which is in Heaven."*





## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

*The Padres of Toc H and the Banner-bearers of Toc H Branches  
will enter and take their places before the service begins*

*When the Choir and Clergy have entered,  
the Dean of Westminster shall say:*

Kindred in Toc H, We are gathered together in this ancient Church of Christendom, in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven, to offer unto Him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of His grace; and to ask on behalf of all men and of this our Family, such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

*After a silence, the Precentor shall say:*

Brethren, seeing that we have all come short of our high calling, let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Our past unfaithfulness.

*O Lord, forgive.*

Our neglect of opportunities.

*O Lord, forgive.*

Our deafness to Thy calls.

*O Lord, forgive.*

Our slothfulness and want of zeal.

*O Lord, forgive.*

Our readiness to condemn and our slowness to forgive.

*O Lord, forgive.*

Our love of self and our indifference to others.

*O Lord, forgive.*

Our want of courage and our lack of faith.

*O Lord, forgive.*

Above all and everything our forgetfulness of Thyself.

*O Lord, forgive.*

May the Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life. *Amen.*

IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,

Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,

Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might:

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,

Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small;

In all life Thou livest, the true life of all:

We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,

And wither and perish; but nought changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All laud we would render: O help us to see

'Tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

## THE LESSON

Which will be read by the Founder Padre of Toc H.

*Then, the Congregation standing, there shall be made this  
Act of Praise and Thanksgiving:*

For Thine unchanging glory.

*We thank Thee, O God.*

For the revelation of Thyself in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*We thank Thee, O God.*

For the gift of Thy Holy Spirit, enlightening the minds  
of men.

*We thank Thee, O God.*

For that Thou didst bring into being this our Family  
of Toc H.

*We thank Thee, O God.*

For the Old House where first the Light shone forth.

*We thank Thee, O God.*

For our elder brethren, lights of the world in their  
several generations.

*We thank Thee, O God.*

For all who have served our Family in peace and in  
war, at home and abroad.

*We thank Thee, O God.*

For that Thou hast called us to membership of the  
Family.

*We thank Thee, O God.*

For our passage from war to peace, and for the new  
opportunities unfolding before us.

*We thank Thee, O God.*

Now unto the King immortal, invisible, the only wise  
God, be honour and thanksgiving and praise more than  
we can utter, more than we can conceive, by all men  
throughout all ages, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

PRAISE to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation;  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation:

Come, ye who hear,

Brothers and sisters, draw near,

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth:

Hast thou not seen?

All that is needful hath been

Granted in what He ordaineth.

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:

Ponder anew

All the Almighty can do.

He who with love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath come now with praises before Him!

Let the amen

Sound from His people again:

Gladly for ay we adore Him!



*Then shall the Dean say :*

Hear the words of Our Lord Jesus Christ, how he saith : Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Therefore, let us kneel and ask God to give us of His bounty those things whereof we are in need.

Let us Pray

For a just and lasting peace : For the King's Majesty, the Ministers of State, and all who bear office or rule in the Commonwealth of Nations : For all Peoples and their Rulers.

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

O God, the Father of all mankind, we pray Thee to turn to Thyself the hearts of all peoples and their rulers that by the power of Thy Holy Spirit peace may be established upon the foundations of justice, righteousness and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us Pray

For Christ's Holy Catholic Church throughout the world : For the spreading of the Gospel and the strengthening of the Faithful : For the increase of Faith, Hope and Charity.

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Gracious Father, we beseech Thee for Thy Holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where it is superstitious, set it right; where it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided and rent asunder, unite it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us Pray

For the Family of Toc H throughout the world; For all Marks, Branches, Groups, Teams and Clubs : For the work to which the Family has set its hand.

*We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy Will. *Amen.*

Let us unite in saying the Family Prayer of Toc H :

O God, who hast so wonderfully made Toc H, and set men in it to see their duty as Thy Will, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace; to check all bitterness; to disown discouragement; to practise thanksgiving, and to leap with joy to any task for others. Strengthen the good thing thus begun; that with gallant and high-hearted happiness we may work for Thy Kingdom in the wills of men. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us sum up our prayers in the words which our Saviour Christ Himself taught us, saying together :

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. *Amen.*

THROUGH the night of doubt and sorrow  
 Onward goes the pilgrim band,  
 Singing songs of expectation,  
 Marching to the Promised Land.  
 Clear before us through the darkness  
 Gleams and burns the guiding light:  
 Brother clasps the hand of brother,  
 Stepping fearless through the night.  
 One the light of God's own presence,  
 O'er his ransomed people shed,  
 Chasing far the gloom and terror,  
 Brightening all the path we tread:  
 One the object of our journey,  
 One the faith which never tires,  
 One the earnest looking forward,  
 One the hope our God inspires:  
 One the strain that lips of thousands,  
 Lift as from the heart of one;  
 One the conflict, one the peril,  
 One the march in God begun:  
 One the gladness of rejoicing  
 On the far eternal shore,  
 Where the one Almighty Father  
 Reigns in love for evermore.

THE ADDRESS BY  
 THE VERY REVEREND THE DEAN OF WESTMINSTER.

*While the following Hymn is sung, a Collection shall be made  
 for Toc H and Toc H (Women's Section)*

SON OF GOD, eternal Saviour,  
 Source of life and truth and grace,  
 Son of Man, whose birth amongst us  
 Hallows all our human race,  
 Thou, Our Head, Who throned in glory,  
 For Thine own dost ever plead,  
 Fill us with Thy love and pity,  
 Heal our wrongs, and help our need.  
 As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,  
 So may we for others live;  
 Freely have Thy gifts been granted,  
 Freely may Thy servants give,  
 Thine the gold and Thine the silver,  
 Thine the wealth of land and sea,  
 We but stewards of Thy bounty,  
 Held in solemn trust for Thee.  
 Come, O Christ, and reign above us,  
 King of Love and Prince of Peace;  
 Hush the storm of strife and passion,  
 Bid its cruel discords cease;  
 By thy patient years of toiling,  
 By Thy silent hours of pain,  
 Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,  
 Shame our selfish greed of gain.



Dark the path that lies behind us,  
 Strewn with wrecks and stained with blood;  
 But before us gleams the vision  
 Of the coming brotherhood.  
 See the Christ-like host advancing,  
 High and lowly, great and small,  
 Linked in bonds of common service  
 For the common Lord of all.  
 Son of God, eternal Saviour,  
 Source of life and truth and grace,  
 Son of Man, whose birth amongst us  
 Hallows all our human race,  
 Thou who prayedst, Thou who willest  
 That Thy people should be one,  
 Grant, O grant our hope's fruition;  
 Here on earth Thy Will be done.

### THE PROCESSION

*All*

AT the Name of Jesus  
 Every knee shall bow,  
 Every tongue confess Him  
 King of glory now;  
 'Tis the Father's pleasure  
 We should call Him Lord,  
 Who from the beginning  
 Was the mighty Word.

*Choir*

At His voice creation  
 Sprang at once to sight,  
 All the Angel faces,  
 All the hosts of light,  
 Thrones and dominations,  
 Stars upon their way,  
 All the heavenly orders,  
 In their great array.

*Choir*

Humbled for a season,  
 To receive a name  
 From the lips of sinners  
 Unto whom He came,  
 Faithfully He bore it  
 Spotless to the last,  
 Brought it back victorious,  
 When from death He passed.

*All*

Bore it up triumphant  
 With its human light,  
 Through all ranks of creatures,  
 To a central height;  
 To the throne of Godhead,  
 To the Father's breast,  
 Fill'd it with the glory  
 Of that perfect rest.

*Choir*

Name Him, brothers name Him,  
 With love as strong as death,  
 But with awe and wonder,  
 And with bated breath;  
 He is God the Saviour,  
 He is Christ the Lord,  
 Ever to be worshipped,  
 Trusted, and adored.

*All*

In your hearts enthrone Him;  
 There let Him subdue  
 All that is not holy,  
 All that is not true:  
 Crown Him as your captain  
 In temptation's hour;  
 Let His Will enfold you  
 In its light and power.

*Choir*

Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
 Shall return again,  
 With His Father's glory  
 With His Angel train,  
 For all wreaths of empire  
 Meet upon His brow,  
 And our hearts confess Him  
 King of glory now.

*All*

Glory then to Jesus,  
 Who, the Prince of Light,  
 To a world in darkness  
 Brought the gift of sight;  
 Praise to God the Father;  
 In the Spirit's love,  
 Praise we all together  
 Him who reigns above.

*At the Nave Altar of the Holy Cross a Station will be made:*

Be thou exalted Lord in Thine own strength

*So will we sing and praise Thy power.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose grace the heart of the blessed Confessor, King Edward, was uplifted to despise the glories of earthly pomp and power and to seek the treasures of divine love; Grant us, we beseech Thee, so to walk in his steps, that, counting the pleasures of this world as nought, our hearts may be devoted to the joy of serving Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAISE, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring,  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise the everlasting King.  
Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same for ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.  
Father-like, He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Widely as His mercy flows.  
Angels, help us to adore Him;  
Ye behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

Let us now make our Act of Rededication, saying together:

Remembering with gratitude  
how God used the Old House to bring home to multitudes of men that,  
behind the ebb and flow of things temporal, stand the eternal realities,  
and to send them forth strengthened to fight at all costs for the setting  
up of His Kingdom upon earth,

We pledge ourselves to strive:

To listen now and always for the voice of God:  
To know His Will revealed in Christ, and to do it fearlessly, reckoning  
nothing of the world's opinion, or its successes for ourselves or this  
our family; And towards this end:

To think fairly,  
To love widely,  
To witness humbly,  
To build bravely.

*Then shall all kneel and say together:*

O Lord God, when Thou givest to Thy servants to endeavour any  
great matter, grant us also to know that it is not the beginning, but the  
continuing of the same, until it be thoroughly finished, which yieldeth  
the true glory. Through Him that for the finishing of Thy work laid  
down His life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE BLESSING